



HIU Network Usage and Peer to Peer File Sharing Policy

1. As a student of Hope International University, your use of the network and Internet should reflect the values of the University. As in any other area of your relationship with Hope International University, your use of the network and Internet access provided by Hope International University is subject to University policy.
2. We respect your privacy. Except for cases of clear violation of the University Policy, we do not specifically monitor what you are doing on the network. Be aware that we do maintain logs of all Internet usage and we may analyze actual network activity in order to maintain accountability for how our resources are being used, to troubleshoot and improve network performance, and to assist in resolving clear violations of University policy. Violations will be reported to Student Affairs.
3. File Sharing: Many people are unaware of the risk they take by engaging in file sharing. The fact is, most commercial music, movies, and software are copyrighted, meaning that they may not be copied without the express permission of the owner of the copyright. Be aware that unauthorized transfer, including downloading, of copyrighted material is illegal. Copyright holders are actively targeting and suing college students engaged in illegal file-sharing. Also, law enforcement is actively prosecuting people engaged in any illegal activity on Internet. Be aware that you are not anonymous on the Internet and these agencies can trace your activities back to you.

HOPE INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY HAS A ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY ON ILLEGAL FILE SHARING AND ALL OTHER ILLEGAL ACTIVITY.

If you engage in any illegal activity online, including sharing or downloading copyrighted material without the consent of the copyright holder, your access to the Internet will be terminated immediately and you will be accountable for any and all violations of applicable student conduct codes as per University Policy as well as potential civil and criminal liability resulting from your actions.

If your Internet service is terminated, approval from the Vice President for Student Affairs will be required to reinstate your service. If you ever have any questions about the legality of something on the Internet, please inquire through the office of Student Affairs. Also, please contact Student Affairs if you have any questions regarding student conduct codes.

4. Use of loopholes in computer security systems or knowledge of a special password to damage computer systems, obtain extra network or computing resources, take resources from another user, gain access to systems or use systems for which proper authorization has not been given constitutes a violation of University policy and is expressly prohibited.

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